

## “SPIRITUAL WARFARE 6: THE DEVIL”

### I. We are the Inspiration for the World System but Satan is the Author

**Ephesians 2:1–2 . . . *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked ‘According to’ the course of this world, ‘According to’ the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.***

- The World Systems reflect the needs and desires of people

**Genesis 3:6 . . . *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.***

- *The system will cater to our Appetites: “GOOD” for food*
  - *The system will cater to our Imagination: “PLEASANT” to the eyes*
  - *The system will cater to our Identity: “DESIRABLE” to make one WISE – Like God*
- The World Systems embody the hidden character of Satan

- Deception/Fear

**2 Thessalonians 2:9–10 . . . *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.***

**2 Corinthians 11:14 . . . *And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.***

- Lies

**John 8:44 . . . *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.***

- Temptation

**1 Thessalonians 3:4–5 . . . *For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. 5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.***

- The World Systems are constructed to fulfill the hidden Goal of Satan
  - Satan's Goal – A “NO” God world – not an “ANTI” God world

**Isaiah 14:13–14 . . . *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'***

- Satan's Map – History - it worked before, maybe it will work again.

**II. We are the Target of the World Systems and World Leaders are the Administrators**

**Ephesians 6:12 . . . *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

- Principalities: *tas archas*: The Top leaders in power (Regional)
- Powers: *tas exousias*: The Delegated leaders in authority (Local)
- Rulers of the Darkness of this age: *tous kosmokrato*: (World) leaders
- Spiritual Hosts of wickedness in heavenly places: *pneumatika ponerias*: the entirety of the wicked spiritual armies

**Proverbs 28:28 . . . *When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.***

**Proverbs 29:2 . . . *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.***